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a lower substrate on a lower substrate;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate; and

a backlight device disposed opposite the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer;

wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding film in a peripheral portion; and

wherein the light shielding film absorbs light.

7. (New) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device according to claim 6, wherein the light shielding film includes a coating that absorbs light.

8. (New) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 7, wherein the light shielding film is formed by a printed material.

9. (New) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding film extends along four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer.

10. (New) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding film is dark.

11. (New) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding film is black.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were pending in the subject application. All of those claims were rejected. This Amendment adds new claims 6-11, and cancels claims 1-5. Thus, claims 6-11 are currently being prosecuted. Reexamination of the subject application, consideration of the new claims 6-11, and allowance of the subject application are solicited.